Requirements for Comparative Politics as a Field:

Students who wish to designate Comparative Politics as either a first or second subfield must take at least three graduate level courses listed under the Comparative Politics section of the University Bulletin. Students are strongly encouraged to take PS 440A, 440B, and 400C. Students designating Comparative Politics as their second subfield do not need to take PS 400C as part of their CP field requirements if they will take it as part of their International Relations or American Politics first subfield requirements. PS 400C should be taken only once.

Students declaring CP as their first field will, additionally, be required to take one elective course in CP before advancing to candidacy. The elective is to be a 3xx or 4xx course offered by a member of the CP subfield. To count as an approved elective a directed reading course must be on the basis of a written syllabus approved by the Field Convenor. 2015-16 courses that count toward the elective requirement include:

**Fall:**
- PS 344A: Politics and Geography (Rodden)
- PS 344U: Political Culture (Laitin)

**Winter:**
- PS 348S: Latin American Politics (Magaloni)
- PS 434A: Field Methods (Weinstein)

**Spring:**
- PS 443S: Political Economy of Reform in China (Oi)
- PS 347A: Games Developing Nations Play (Acharya/Weingast)

The *Comparative Politics Workshop* (PS 440D) is a forum for students to engage with ongoing comparative politics research by advanced graduate students and faculty at Stanford and by leading scholars at other universities. It also offers students an opportunity to further integrate themselves into a broad professional community of comparativists. Students who designate Comparative Politics as their first field are required to enroll for at least one quarter and are encouraged to present a paper in the Workshop in any quarter (and not necessarily the one in which they are enrolled). Comparative Politics students, regardless of enrollment, should attend the Workshop regularly.

**Comprehensive Examination:**

Students taking the CP comp will be tested on the material covered in three courses: 440A, 440B, 400C.